

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment are respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to use proper format. The amended claims recite methods rather than drugs for use in a method.

Improper multiple dependencies have also been corrected. New claims 30-39 claim embodiments deleted due to correction of improper multiple dependencies.

Response to Restriction Requirement

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicant elects the compound of claim 17, without traverse.

Claims 1-5, 7-17 and 30-39 read on the elected compound.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected subject matter.

The cited reference does not teach or suggest that chymase inhibitors can be used to improve, prevent and/or treat glucose intolerance.

Allowance is respectfully requested. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
Application No.: 10/568,711

Attorney Docket No.: Q93208

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

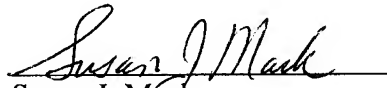
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